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IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Serial No.: 10/694,134 )  
Applicant: Wilbur Keith Moffatt )  
Filed: October 27, 2003 )  
For: **A RETAINER FOR RETAINING )  
COLLAPSED POLES WITHIN )  
ANOTHER POLE )**  
Examiner: Ernesto Garcia )  
Art Unit: 3679 )  
Atty. Docket No.: 913/40148A/303A )

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| <p align="center"><b>Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail"</b></p> <p>Express Mailing No.: <u>EV480048629US</u></p> <p>Date of Deposit: <u>July 29, 2004</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office Box Addressee" Under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p align="center"><u>Tiffany E. Sexton</u><br/>Tiffany E. Sexton</p> |
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 23, 2004**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period  
for response set to expire on September 23, 2004, kindly amend the above-designated  
application as follows: